

meeting noted in the margin in connection with the problem presented by the names *Bilharzia* Meckel von Hemsbach, 1856, and *Schistosoma* Weinland, 1858 ;

- (2) agreed to examine, in turn, each of the remaining 23 applications, 25 papers relating to which had been published in the foregoing Part of the *Bulletin*.

Article 5
(position when the type genus of a . . . family is united with another genus and the combined genus is treated as belonging to the same family as a third genus, having an older name than either of the other genera) problem to be dealt with in Report to be prepared by Secretary.

38. THE COMMISSION had under consideration an application (file Z.N.(S.)29) submitted by Dr. H. W. Manter (Department of Zoology and Anatomy, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, U.S.A.) asking for a ruling on the question of the name to be employed for the family containing the genus *Dissotrema* Goto & Matsudaira, 1918 (Class Trematoda, Order Digenea) (Manter, 1947, *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 1 : 197-198). The problem for consideration arose through the action, first, of Goto (1919) in sinking the genus *Dissotrema* Goto & Matsudaira as a synonym of *Gyliaunchen* Nicoll, 1915, second, of Fukui (1928) in treating *Gyliaunchen* Nicoll, 1915 (with which also he synonymised *Dissotrema* Goto & Matsudaira, 1918) as belonging to the same family as the genus *Opistholebes* Nicoll, 1915, the generic name of which had page priority over the name *Gyliaunchen* Nicoll. The questions at issue were: Should Goto (1919) have changed the family name from DISSOTREMATIDAE to GYLIAUCHENIDAE, and was Fukui correct in changing the family name to OPISTHOLEBETIDAE ?

(Previous reference:
Paris Session,
9th Meeting,
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THE ACTING PRESIDENT (MR. FRANCIS HEMMING) reminded the Commission that the general principle involved in the present application had been raised by himself in Point (36) in Commission Paper I.C.(48)15. When considering this matter, the Commission had recognised that this was an important matter on which it was very desirable that adequate provision should be made in the *Règles*. They had taken the view, however, that, as it raised one of the most difficult questions involved in the nomenclature of families, it would prejudice the inquiry which, at the meeting noted in the margin, the Commission had invited the Secretary to undertake into the whole problem of the nomenclature of this category of name, if a decision were now to be taken on this particular aspect of the subject. The Commission had accordingly agreed to make no recommendation to the present Congress for the clarification of the *Règles* in this regard but to invite the Secretary to pay special attention to this problem in the Report on the general problem of the nomenclature of families which they had invited him to prepare. He (the

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Conclusion 11)

Acting President) considered therefore that no decision could properly be taken on the individual case submitted by Dr. Manter. He suggested however that the documents relating to that case should be added to the *dossier* of papers to be studied by the Secretary at the outset of the investigation which he had been invited to undertake.

THE COMMISSION agreed :—

- (1) to defer taking a decision on the question of the name of the family of the genus *Dissotrema* Goto & Matsudaira, 1918 (Class Trematoda, Order Digenea) submitted by Dr. H. W. Manter, until after the receipt of the comprehensive Report on the nomenclature of families which the Secretary to the Commission had been invited to prepare for the consideration of the Commission at their Session to be held during the next (XIVth) meeting of the International Congress of Zoology ;
- (2) that the papers relating to the case submitted by Dr. Manter should be added to the *dossier* to be studied by the Secretary to the Commission at the outset of the investigation referred to in (1) above ;
- (3) to invite the Secretary to the Commission to write to Dr. Manter informing him of the foregoing decision and explaining the grounds on which it had been taken.

Pallas (P.S.),
"Zoographia rosso-asiatica" : dates of publication of the several volumes of, determined.

39. THE COMMISSION had under consideration an application (file Z.N.(S.)25) submitted by the late Mr. W. L. Sclater, as Chairman of the "Zoological Record" Committee of the Zoological Society of London, asking for a ruling on the dates to be accepted as the dates of publication of the several volumes of Pallas (P.S.), *Zoographia rosso-asiatica* (Sclater, 1947, *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 1 : 198-199), together with a paper by the late Dr. C. D. Sherborn, setting out the data available in regard to the above subject (Sherborn, 1947, *ibid.* 1 : 199-200).

THE ACTING PRESIDENT (MR. FRANCIS HEMMING) said that, prior to the opening of the present Congress, the Commission would have had no guiding principle by which to consider the present application. In view however of the provisions which, at the meeting noted in the margin, it had been agreed should be inserted in the *Règles* for the purpose of determining the dates of publication of works containing zoological names, the problem before the Commission no longer presented any difficulty. Copies bearing the date "1811" were known

(Previous reference:
Paris Session,
7th Meeting,
Conclusion 18)